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FIFTY-THIRD YEAR

## VERDUN REGION IN HANDS OF THE FRENCH

TAKE 11,000 PRISONERS  
AND LARGE NUMBER OF  
CANNON; REPULSE TEU-  
TONS IN SOMME.

By Associated Press.

The French have entirely regained Chantreaux farm, northeast of Verdun. They captured more than 11,000 prisoners and 115 cannon were destroyed or captured and 107 machine guns captured in the latest thrust in the Verdun region. Paris reports the repulse of the Germans' offensive attempts in the Somme region.

Berlin unofficially estimates that the British and French losses to date are 5,100,000. The Teutons have taken virtually all of the ground held during the previous advance in Northern Dobruja and have reached a point near Ibraia and Galatz, important railroad and storage centers.

Berlin announced that a German submarine torpedo heavily damaged a French battleship of the Patrie class in the Mediterranean, December 12th, and previous to that day torpedoed, southwest of Sicily, a French transport carrying 1,000 soldiers. The French deny the loss of a warship of the Patrie class.

## DELAY VOTE ON PROHIBITION AMENDMENT

By Associated Press.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 18.—The senate debated at length, without voting, on the Underwood amendment to the District of Columbia prohibition bills, providing for a referendum by the citizens, after rejecting the Smoot substitute to forbid the absolute sale, use, manufacture and importation of liquor.

### TO SPEND XMAS HOME

FORT WORTH, Dec. 18.—The court, moved by the plea of Joseph H. Campbell, former postmaster of Matador, convicted of embezzlement today, dated the 32-day sentence from November 17th so the prisoner could spend Christmas home with his wife and babies.

### GRAIN MARKET

CHICAGO, Dec. 18.—Close: Wheat—May, \$1.64½; July, \$1.38. Corn—May, 93½c; July, 92½c. Oats—May, 53½c; July, 51½c.

## PREMIER GEORGE WILL ANSWER PEACE NOTE

SPEECH TODAY CONSIDERED MOST IMPORTANT SINCE BEGINNING OF THE GREAT WAR.

By Associated Press.

LONDON, Dec. 18.—The press and public regard as the most important utterance of its kind since the memorable speeches of Viscount Grey whether England should enter the war, the speech before the house of commons tomorrow of Premier Lloyd George, which will reply to the German peace proposal and outline the policy of the new national government. The fact that the new ministry in power has a definite object in conducting the "war with all the vigor the nation can command to a successful end," is considered an indication of the trend of his remarks.

# HUNT THROWN OUT OF COURT, WILL TRY NEW LEGAL DODGE

## Bad Morals Are Bar To Financier

NEW YORK, Dec. 18.—Baron Robert Emmanuel Oppenheim, reputed to be a French and English financier, was ordered deported from the United States after a hearing by the board of inquiry of the department of immigration here today. He immediately appealed to the department of labor at Washington.

The baron's exclusion was directed, it was announced at the offices of the commissioner of immigration on the ground that he had committed a crime involving moral turpitude.

Details as to the character of the alleged offense were withheld by the board, the explanation being made that information must come from Washington authorities. It was understood that a charge against him is pending in the courts of France and it was presumed that the board considered his status as that of a fugitive from justice.

### REVOLTING CRIME

WATERLOO, Dec. 18.—Mrs. Ruth Connor, of Elgin, Iowa, killed one of her two-months-old twin babies by hitting it over the head and attempted to burn the other over a cook-stove and then cut her own throat, Sunday, according to information received today. The mother and child are in a serious condition. Financial troubles are said to be responsible.

## SHIPPING RAILS FROM CANADA TO FRANCE

By Associated Press.

OTTAWA, Dec. 18.—Canada has begun to tear up 1,000 miles of railway to meet the needs of the war. The rails will be shipped to France and re-laid to facilitate the movement of troops, guns, munitions and supplies from the French ports to the western front.

## Big Strike Ties Up Business in Madrid

By Associated Press.

MADRID, Dec. 18.—Factories and other business throughout Spain are at a standstill as the result of a 24-hour strike of labor organizations as a protest against the increased price of food. The shops, cafes and restaurants in Madrid are closed. All is quiet.

### NO XMAS IN FRANCE

WITH BRITISH ARMIES IN FRANCE, Dec. 18.—Thousands of packages from home are arriving for the soldiers as harbingers of Christmas, but the usual glad season of "peace and good will" brings no cessation of the hostilities. Christmas promises to be another day of shelling and war activity along the whole line in France.

### HIS LAST FIGHT

DENVER, Dec. 18.—Joseph Romero, known as "Albuquerque Joe Rivers," aged 20, a bantamweight, died two hours after his bout tonight with Jack Britton, of San Francisco. Romero was knocked down in the fifth round and his seconds threw up the towel when he staggered from his corner in the sixth.

## Judge Stanford Decides Contestant Has No Standing Before Him as Certificate of Election Had Not Been Issued to Campbell; Failing To Get Injunction Today Case Will Be Ap- pealed to Supreme Court; Attorney General Jones Takes Hand in Game.

Special to the Journal-Miner.

PHOENIX, Dec. 18.—Judge Stanford this morning at 10 o'clock granted the motion to squash the contest of Hunt for the office of governor, and stated it was the duty of Sidney P. Osborn to issue a certificate; that it should have been done and that the case was thrown out because it had not been issued. Ives made application for a supersedeas bond in an endeavor to have the inspection proceed.

At 2 o'clock Judge Stanford ruled that as he was without jurisdiction he could not give contestant the right to continue to inspect the ballots. Campbell's attorneys having courteously waived the immediate filing of the bond, Ives tried to take advantage of their courtesy by claiming his appeal was perfected and that the case was in the hands of the Supreme court; that therefore, Stanford could not stop what he had already started and that the inspection must go on. Judge Stanford ruled against him, whereupon Ives asked until Tuesday at 11 o'clock to file a writ of prohibition preventing Stanford from having charge of the ballots from five counties in the State.

It appears that the Hunt forces are much disappointed, not only at being thrown out of the court but also by the fact that they have failed to find the fraud and improper counting in

Maricopa county they alleged existed.

## 16,000 TROOPS ARE WITHDRAWN FROM BORDER

MOVEMENT DOES NOT  
MEAN PERSHING WILL  
BE RECALLED FROM  
MEXICAN INTERIOR.

By Associated Press.

SAN ANTONIO, Dec. 18.—National guard organizations aggregating 16,000 troops, were designated by General Funston to leave the border and return to their respective States, to be mustered out of the Federal service. Funston was acting in compliance with war department instructions.

Pershing to Remain.  
WASHINGTON, Dec. 18.—It is officially stated at the war department that the order for the return of 16,000 national guardsmen is not to be construed as foreshadowing a movement out of Mexico by Pershing's column. It is stated that 75,000 guardsmen will be maintained on the border until Pershing's forces are withdrawn.

### SILVER

NEW YORK, Dec. 18.—Silver 76½ cents.

## Wilson Celebrates First Anniversary

By Associated Press.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 18.—A family dinner party, a motor ride and a visit to a moving picture show marked the celebration of the first wedding anniversary of President and Mrs. Wilson.

### TRY ANOTHER DODGE

Attorney General Wiley Jones will be an intervenor tomorrow morning in the Maricopa county Superior court in an effort to expedite the Hunt-Campbell election contest, and to get it into the Supreme court before Christmas. This was announced by Jones tonight.

Jones, while a Hunt adherent, has offered the good offices of his position to the legal forces arrayed in the governorship battle, and as an official of the State, will be neutral. He has offered to enter into an agreement with counsel for both sides to sign all the papers necessary to quicken the pace of the contest, and to make the battle easier and to bring about a fair decision.

The program for tomorrow is this: Counsel E. S. Ives for Governor Hunt, as a move made necessary by today's decision of Judge Stanford to throw the contest out of court, will bring suit to enjoin Secretary of State Osborn from issuing a certificate of election to Thomas E. Campbell. The attorney general will demur to that suit, acting as a State official for the State official who is made the subject of the injunction proceedings.

Unofficially, but on good authority, it is stated that the demurrer will be sustained. Senator Ives will then appeal direct to the Supreme court.

## Man, Youth Held As Murder Suspects

By Associated Press.

MASON CITY, Ill., Dec. 18.—Chas. and Jack Thomas, aged 31 and 13, respectively, were arrested as suspected slayers of John P. Brecker and wife, wealthy octogenarians, found murdered in their home Sunday. Bloodhounds trailing the slayers went directly to the residence of the Thomas boys, north of the Brecker farm.

## THOUSANDS OF WILD HORSES IN ARIZONA

WITNESSES FOR DEFENDANTS IN GOVERNMENT  
SUIT SAY NO MISREPRESENTATIONS WERE MADE

By Associated Press.

OMAHA, Dec. 18.—Witnesses for the defense testified that thousands and thousands of "wild horses" were "roaming" on the government reservation in Coconino county, Arizona, in the government suit against the United States Livestock and Omaha Land Investment Companies for misuse of the mails in sales of mustangs which, it is charged, were represented as "bred from imported Percherons" and that the purchasers were defrauded to the extent of \$1,000,000.

### LASTED 11 ROUNDS

LONDON, Dec. 18.—Jimmy Wilde, fly-weight champion of England, knocked out Frankie Di Melfi, known as "Young Zulu Kid," of Brooklyn, in the 11th round of their match today.

## Wheat Crop Is Large But Quality Poor

WASHINGTON, Dec. 18.—American farmers, foreseeing a continued heavy demand on them from the warring European nations for wheat, planted an acreage of that grain this fall second in point of size in the nation's history, but poor weather conditions sent the crop into winter dormancy 2 per cent below the condition of last December and 4.5 per cent below the ten year average.

In summarizing its first report on the winter wheat crop issued today, the department of agriculture said: "The fall plantings of winter wheat are reported to be 2.3 per cent greater than in the autumn of 1915. The present area seeded, 40,090,000 acres, is the greatest ever planted, with the exception of 40,452,000 acres seeded two years ago and is more than 10 per cent greater in any year prior to the fall of 1914.

While Jones is making protestations of being fair, the friends of Campbell are not looking at the matter in that light. By the contemplated move tomorrow, Jones will act for Osborn, secretary of State, who ever since he canvassed the vote, has upon one pretext and another, refused to issue Campbell his certificate of election. On the other side will be Attorney Ives, Hunt's counsel, making two limbs of the law in the proceeding favorable to the governor, and shutting out from participation the parties most vitally interested, the attorneys for Governor-elect Campbell. Of course Ives and Jones, both being Hunt men, could enter into almost any kind of an agreement regarding the case, and it does not look to the ordinary layman that such an agreement would protect or be fair to the interests of Campbell. The latter has been elected governor, the inspection of ballots has made no change in the official result, and to a man "up a tree" it looks as though the latest legal move was designed to keep Hunt in the office from which the voters ousted him last November.

### AJO IN DANGER

TUCSON, Dec. 18.—Sheriff Forbes appealed tonight for assistance for Americans in Ajo district in repelling any attack by Villa sympathizers, reported to be recruiting along the border near Ajo to join the Sonoyta movement, according to reports here. It is unofficially rumored that the Villa leader has threatened to raid Ajo.

## COAL SHORTAGE, ZERO WEATHER IN CHICAGO

By Associated Press.

CHICAGO, Dec. 18.—With zero weather prevailing tonight household owners and apartment buildings are obtaining coal with difficulty. The visible supply is rapidly diminishing and dealers are assured that no relief is in sight, due to the shortage of cars.

## Aviatrix Recipient Of Costly Banquet

By Associated Press.

NEW YORK, Dec. 18.—The Civic Forum and Aero Club of America presented Ruth B. Law with a \$2,500 dinner tonight for setting a new record for lighter-than-air machines from Chicago to New York.

### PUBLISHERS ASKED TO AID

WASHINGTON, Dec. 18.—The Federal trade commission conference with committees of newspaper publishers, paper manufacturers and jobbers in an effort to work out a plan for relieving the newsprint paper situation, addressed inquiries to all interests concerned throughout the country to ascertain if an actual shortage exists. Publishers of larger papers were asked if they would relinquish some of the paper contracted for in 1917 and the small publishers were asked the extent of their next year's needs. The manufacturers were directed to inform the commission concerning the 1917 production.

### WEATHER FORECAST

For Southern California: Frost early in the morning.  
For Arizona: Fair, warmer in the south.

## CARRANZA DOES NOT SIGN THE PROTOCOL

OBJECTS TO AMERICANS  
RESERVING RIGHT TO  
PURSUE BANDITS ACROSS  
THE BORDER.

By Associated Press.

PHILADELPHIA, Dec. 18.—Carranza representatives of the Mexican-American joint commission admitted to the Americans that Carranza has not ratified the protocol, and submitted a declaration of the attitude of the Carranza government, but assured the Americans that delay in the ratification did not signify a rejection.

It is indicated that Carranza withheld ratification because of Secretary Lane's statement reserving the right of Americans to pursue bandits across the border and considered it inconsistent for him to accept without defending the position of Mexico in a statement which he authorized Alberto J. Pani to draft and submit. It is believed that the conference will continue until the end of the week unless an unexpected break occurs, when it will be resumed after New Year's.

## BRITISH SHIP IS SUNK; KILL 17 AMERICANS

By Associated Press.

LONDON, Dec. 18.—The admiralty announced that 17 American militaries and 11 of the crew were killed when the British horse transport, Russian, was sunk Thursday in the Mediterranean by a submarine.

### SON KILLS FATHER

BLOOMINGTON, Ill., Dec. 18.—John Ringwald, near Pekin, was killed by his son 14, who surrendered. He said he shot his father because he was threatening to kill the family with a rifle.

### CORONATION DEC. 30

LONDON, Dec. 18.—A Budapest dispatch says the coronation of King Charles as king of Hungary, is set for December 30th.

### COPPER

NEW YORK, Dec. 18.—Electrolytic: First, second and third quarters, \$32 and \$33.50.

## MOBILIZATION A FAILURE IN THE U. S.

2 MAJOR-GENERALS SAY  
COUNTRY UTTERLY DE-  
FENSELESS AGAINST AN  
ORGANIZED FOE.

By Associated Press.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 18.—Major-Generals Scott and Wood, in statements to the senate sub-committee considering the Chamberlain universal training bill, described the mobilization of guardsmen in the border service as a military failure and emphasized the urgent necessity of abandoning the volunteer system as the nation's reliance for defense. Both advocated universal training.

Wood declared the country was utterly defenseless against an organized foe. He said that mobilization was a tragedy and that if the guardsmen had met good troops "they would never have known what hit them."